

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

LEWIS BENTLEY	:	CIVIL ACTION
	:	
v.	:	
	:	
MICHAEL W. HARLOW, et al.	:	NO. 11-2423

ORDER

AND NOW, this 15th day of March, 2016, upon consideration of petitioner Lewis Bentley's habeas petition (docket entry # 1), the Report and Recommendation of the Honorable Lynne A. Sitarski (docket entry #27), and petitioner's objections to the Report and Recommendation (docket entry #29), and for the reasons set forth in the accompanying Memorandum, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. Petitioner's objections are OVERRULED;
2. Judge Sitarski's Report and Recommendation is APPROVED and ADOPTED;
3. Petitioner's habeas petition (docket entry #1) is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE and without an evidentiary hearing;
4. Because reasonable jurists could not debate whether the petition states a valid claim for a denial of a constitutional right, Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000), we DECLINE to issue a certificate of appealability; and
5. The Clerk of Court shall CLOSE this case statistically.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Stewart Dalzell, J.  
Stewart Dalzell, J.